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# E U R O P E A N ULTURE C O N F E R E N C E

14-17 NOVEMBER 2023

CÁCERES, SPAIN

# **Conservation without borders** *Bridging the gap for vultures*

The European Vulture Conference 2023 Press Kit offers essential information, engaging content, and valuable resources about the upcoming event. It includes an event overview, a concise press release, a fact sheet showcasing previous success, captivating visuals, expert testimonials, and media contact details.

# 1. EVENT OVERVIEW

The European Vulture Conference 2023 is a highly anticipated event dedicated to advancing vulture conservation and research efforts across Europe and beyond. This conference offers a unique platform for vulture conservationists, researchers, and enthusiasts to collaborate, share knowledge, and gain insights into the latest vulture conservation and research advancements.

#### **Key Details**

- Date: 14 -17 November 2023
- Location: Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain
- **Venue**: Complejo Cultural San Francisco
- Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 June 2023
- Registration: Early bird tickets are available until 31 July, offering a 30 euro discount off the regular price. Starting from 1 August to 31 October 2023, regular fees will apply
- **Discounted tickets:** Available for students, individuals from the UN's list of Least Developed Countries and the VCF's current LIFE project and IBM partners

#### **Programme Highlights**

- A comprehensive scientific programme featuring presentations, workshops, and poster sessions
- Leading vulture conservationists and researchers as Keynote speakers, providing diverse perspectives on various topics and regions
- Engaging discussions on vulture biology, ecology, and conservation to foster collaborations and address critical issues
- Cultural visit to experience the UNESCO World Heritage city of Cáceres
- A celebratory dinner to savour delicious cuisine and unwind
- Unforgettable field trips to explore the vulture-rich region of Extremadura



# 2. PRESS RELEASE

#### European Vulture Conference 2023: The Premier Event for Vulture Conservation Enthusiasts Returns

The European Vulture Conference, organised by the Vulture Conservation Foundation (VCF), is set to make its highly anticipated return in 2023, from 14 to 17 November, in Cáceres, Extremadura - a renowned vulture hotspot in Spain and Europe. This prestigious gathering will bring together vulture conservationists, researchers, and enthusiasts from all over the world for a comprehensive programme fostering knowledge sharing, collaboration, and exploration.

The European Vulture Conference 2023 offers a unique opportunity for attendees to engage with peers, learn from leading experts, and stay up-to-date with the latest advancements in vulture conservation and research. The conference programme features various presentations, workshops, and poster sessions, providing valuable insights to propel vulture research and conservation efforts forward. Moreover, participants will have the chance to immerse themselves in the vulture-rich region of Extremadura through cultural visits, a celebratory conference dinner, and unforgettable field trips.

#### **Call for Abstract Submissions**

The European Vulture Conference 2023 invites abstract submissions from vulture conservationists and researchers, providing a global platform to share projects and research in the field of vulture biology, ecology, and conservation. The conference encourages diverse abstract submissions, including applied research and project reporting, covering topics such as population monitoring methods, environmental impact assessments, and feeding station management guidelines. All abstracts based on implemented projects and initiatives are highly encouraged, regardless of publication status. <u>Submit an abstract</u> for the chance to share your work at a global stage.

#### **Early Registration Discount**

To secure a spot at this highly anticipated conference, interested individuals can visit the registration webpage and complete the registration process. The registration fee includes access to all conference sessions, coffee breaks and lunches, a conference dinner, a cultural visit to the Cáceres city centre, and a field trip. Early bird tickets are priced at 150 euros until 31 July 2023, with regular tickets available at 180 euros after that. Discounted rates of 100 euros for early bird tickets and 130 euros for regular tickets are available for students, individuals from the United Nations' list of Least Developed Countries, and VCF's current LIFE project and IBM partners. <u>Register now</u> to take advantage of this incredible opportunity to expand your knowledge, network with fellow professionals, and make a meaningful contribution to vulture conservation.

For more information, please visit the European Vulture Conference 2023 website.

# 3. PHOTOS & GRAPHICS

High-quality photographs and graphics are available for free use by media professionals or others to promote the conference, provided that the mentioned credits are attributed.



European Vulture Conference 2019 photos (credits: © Vulture Conservation Foundation):

- Presentation of anti-poisoning work in the Balkans
- Presentation on captive breeding
- Panel discussion
- **Closing ceremony**
- Poster sessions
- <u>Side activities</u>

2023 Conference Venue - Complejo Cultural San Francisco (credits: © Vulture Conservation Foundation):

- <u>View from outside</u>
- <u>Main conference room</u>
- <u>Smaller conference room</u>
- <u>View of venue's cloisters</u>

#### Vultures and their conservation:

- Bearded, Cinereous and Griffon Vultures in Spain © Hansruedi Weyrich
- Bearded Vultures in flight © Hansruedi Weyrich
- <u>Cinereous, Egyptian and Griffon Vultures © Bruno Berthemy</u>
- Cinereous and Griffon Vultures feeding © Bruno Berthemy
- Cinereous Vulture pair allopreening © Hansruedi Weyrich
- Griffon Vultures © Hansruedi Weyrich
- <u>Releasing Bearded Vultures in the Alps © Hansruedi Weyrich</u>
- Feeding a Bearded Vulture chick © Hansruedi Weyrich

#### **Banners:**

- European Vulture Conference banner 1
- European Vulture Conference banner 2

#### Logos:

- European Vulture Conference logo
- EVC, organiser, funding and supporters' logos

### 4. FACTSHEET - PREVIOUS CONFERENCE EDITION

- The first European Vulture Conference took place in the Algarve, Portugal, in 2019, with great success.
- Over 240 participants joined the conference in 2019, including scientists, conservationists, and the general public.
- The programme featured 72 scientific talks, 34 posters, eight symposia, three field trips, and five vulture artists, offering attendees a diverse and engaging experience.

# 5. TESTIMONIALS

"I am looking forward to attending the second European Vulture Conference in Cáceres, Spain in November 2023 for a variety of reasons. The conference provides an opportunity to again meet with colleagues and friends from Europe and elsewhere who are contributing to the research on and conservation of vultures in what is a very dynamic space subsequent to the adoption of the CMS Vulture MsAP. It will also be an opportunity to share with delegates what we learnt from the current mid-term implementation review of the MsAP and to also discuss key areas for future work towards the conservation of these wonderful birds. See you all there!"

#### André Botha

Vultures for Africa Programme Manager Co-chair IUCN SSC Vulture Specialist Group Overarching Coordinator CMS Vulture MsAP



"The 2nd European Vulture Conference in Cáceres will be an excellent opportunity to continue sharing scientific knowledge and conservation experiences among vulture's friends of Europe and beyond. A pleasure to host you all again in Spain!"

#### Dr. Rubén Moreno-Opo Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Spain

# 5. CONTACT & MORE INFO

For media inquiries, please contact: Eleni Karatzia, VCF'S Communication Officer, at <u>e.karatzia@4vultures.org</u>

For more information, please visit the European Vulture Conference 2023 website.

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# <mark>6.</mark> ORGANISATION

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The <u>Vulture Conservation Foundation (VCF)</u>, the leading organisation dedicated to protecting, conserving, and restoring Europe's vulture species, is organising the European Vulture Conference 2023 within the framework of <u>LIFE Aegypius Return</u>. This project is co-funded by the European Union's <u>LIFE Programme</u>, aiming to consolidate and expand the Cinereous Vulture population in Portugal and western Spain. The <u>Junta de Extremadura</u>, <u>Diputación de Cáceres</u> and <u>Birding in Extremadura</u> are also providing significant support to the European Vulture Conference 2023.



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